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April 27, 2023

Janelle Crowell
Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
2 Massachusetts Ave., NE
Washington, DC 20212-0001

Dear Janelle Crowell,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). A NARA staff member has alleged that permanent records relating to the National Labor Turnover Program were lost. According to the allegation, NARA staff made an attempt to accession the records and were told by BLS records management staff that the records were no longer available.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14, we are requesting that the BLS provide NARA with a report including the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the records;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- Details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence V. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "L".

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
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June 5, 2023

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Dear Janelle Crowell,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' report regarding the loss of seven (7) electronic tapes containing permanent records of the National Labor Turnover Program (NLTP).

According to the report, the records were inadvertently destroyed due to the age of the records and discontinuance of the program in 1981. We understand that in an effort to reconstruct the records, BLS has identified a number of permanent series that contain a significant portion of the records. We further understand that to prevent further loss of records a number of safeguards have been put in place to include using a database to identify eligible records for transfer to NARA, drafting formal disposal request procedures, and requiring mandatory staff-wide training.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions BLS has taken and considers this matter closed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government